(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

A-320 Airbus deal

3075. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA:
SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA:
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:
SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:
SHRI RAM BADAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress made into the enquiry of alleged pay off in the purchase deal of A-320 airbus;

(b) the name of the investigating agency inquiry into the aforesaid deal; and

(c) the time by which the investigation is likely to be completed and the latest position of the case?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). The purchase deal of airbus A-320 is being investigated by Central Bureau of Investigation in a regular case registered on 29.3.1990. Most of the investigation to be conducted in India has been completed. As regards investigation outside India, the Competent Court in Delhi have issued the Letters Rogatory to USA, UK and France, District Courts of Illinois and Washington have already executed the letters rogatory. It is difficult to specify any time limit for the completion of investigation at this stage.

[*Translation*]

Demand and Supply of Power in Uttar Pradesh

3076. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the demand and supply of power in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government propose to accord approval for more power houses in Uttar Pradesh in view of the power shortage in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) During the period April, 91–February, 92 the energy requirement in Uttar Pradesh was 28710 million units against which the availability was 25818 million units.

(b) and (c). Schemes aggregating to about 3000 MW have been sanctioned for implementation in Uttar Pradesh in the State Sector.

Western Kosi Canal

3077. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of Western Kosi Canal Project is going on as per schedule;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the work is likely to be completed;

(d) whether representations have been received by the Government regarding expenditure incurred so far on construction work;

(e) if so, the action taken thereon;

(f) whether the Government propose to set up a Board to look after the construction work of Western Kosi Canal project; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Government of Bihar who is executing the project, has reported that construction work is lagging behind the original targets.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The main reasons for slow progress are financial constraints, non-finalisation of agreement with contractor for execution of hydraulic structure and delay in land acquisition. The schedule for completion is June, 1995.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) There is no such proposal with the State Government.

(g) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Allocation for STD and ISD in Maharashtra

3079 SHRI SHANKARRAO KALE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of automatic telephone exchanges functioning in Maharashtra, district-wise;

(b) the number of telephone exchanges having STD and ISD facilities set up in the State during 1991-92 so far; and

(c) the details thereof and the amount allocated therefor.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The information is given in the Statement.

(b) and (c). A total of 16 new exchanges with STD and IDS connectivity have been commissioned during 1991-92 as on 6th March '92. The outlay for these exchanges is included in the total programme of around Rs. 421 Crores for Maharashtra and Bombay.

STATEMENT

The number of Automatic Telephone Exchanges functioning in Maharashtra District-wise as on 20.2.1992.

S. No.	*Name of District*	*No. of Automatic Exchanges*
1.	Ahmednagar	131
2.	Akola	37